

School of Public Policy and Administration

Weekly Newsletter

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Important Reminders

SPPA Summer Hours of Operation

Please note that as of June 1, 2013 the hours of operation for the SPPA will change to 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday and 9:30am-3:30pm on Friday. This change will be in effect until August 31, 2013.

F/W 2013-14 Course Enrolment Period

Enrolment access dates and times have been released for the Fall/Winter 2013-2014 academic year. Please check your access date and time at the following link:

<http://www.registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/guide/>

Announcements

Congratulations Grads!

The SPPA and MPPAL program would like to extend congratulations to all of its June 2013 graduates, and wish them success in all their future endeavors.

Seminars/Workshops

June Activities at the Career Centre

The Career Centre is pleased to provide you with the calendar of activities for the month of June 2013. Alternatively, you may refer to our [online calendar](#).

June 12

E-Networking with
Social Media workshop
10:00 - 12:00

June 13

Identifying Skills and
Accomplishments workshop
2:00 - 4:00

June 14

Speed Interviewing
Practice Rounds workshop
1:00 - 3:00

June 17

Who Am I? Self
Assessment Game workshop
1:00 - 4:00

June 18

Internship Program
Information Session
(BPAIP, CMAIP, TIP,
HIP, HRMIP)
2:00 - 3:30

Cover Letter Writing
workshop
2:00 - 3:30

June 19

Getting Started: What
Can I Do With My
Degree? workshop (at
Scott Library)
10:00 - 11:00

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Dining Etiquette
workshop

10:00 - 12:00

June 21

Getting Started: What
Can I Do With My Health
Degree? workshop webinar

11:00 - 11:50

June 24

Resumé Writing workshop

1:30 - 3:30

June 25

Job Search Strategies
workshop

1:30 - 3:30

June 26

Interview Skills
workshop

1:30 - 3:30

June 28

Making a Great First
Impression workshop

12:30 - 2:30

SPPA Events

See next week's announcements...

Other Events

Underground Intelligence: The need to
map, monitor, and manage Canada's
groundwater resources in an era of
drought and climate change.

June 25, 2013

The Program on Water Issues (POWI) at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, is pleased to present: **Underground Intelligence: The need to map, monitor, and manage Canada's groundwater resources in an era of drought and climate change.**

The conference is intended to provide an opportunity, in a university setting, to inform public opinion about a matter of increasing interest to Canadians.

The conference will take place on **June 25, 2013**, from **8:30 am to 4:30 pm EDT** in the **Vivian and David Campbell Conference Centre at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto.**

Space is limited! Please register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/edit?eid=6468598753>

The conference will be webcast at www.powi.ca

For more information, including a **conference agenda**, please visit http://powi.ca/powi_events/underground-intelligence-the-need-to-map-monitor-and-manage-canadas-groundwater-resources/.

Questions may be directed to powi@utoronto.ca.

Call for Papers

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Contests

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Employment Opportunities

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Volunteer Opportunities

VOLUNTEER TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS! (ON YOUR MARK TUTORING PROGRAM)

The *On Your Mark* Tutoring Program is a tutoring program that is offered in partnership with the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) and also in partnership with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB), the program offers academic assistance to students of **Portuguese-speaking descent and to students of Spanish-speaking descent**.

An ideal Volunteer Tutor would possess the following criteria:

- Student or graduate of a secondary or post-secondary institution
- Excellent Communication skills in English (knowledge of Portuguese and/or Spanish an asset but NOT necessary) Volunteers do not have to be of Portuguese or Spanish speaking descent to become a tutor or tutor supervisor.
- Interest in the field of education and/or social services
- Some experience working with children at the elementary and/or high school level
- Flexible, innovative team player and self-motivated

Also, if you know of a parent looking for educational assistance for their child(ren) (of Portuguese-speaking descent or Spanish-speaking descent) please feel free to refer them to the *On Your Mark* Tutoring Program.

When Michael Ornstein's analysis of "Ethno-racial Inequality in the City of Toronto" was released in

March of 2000, the report cited the Portuguese and the Spanish-speaking communities as two groups experiencing extreme disadvantage in the educational system. The report noted that the situation of the Portuguese community and the Spanish-speaking community involves a unique combination of factors including a high proportion of non-high school graduates and very few university graduates.

The *On Your Mark* Tutoring Program, an initiative established in 2001, was a direct response by the community to those stark statistics and has proven the community's ability to organize and work together to support its youth and address student academic underachievement and dropout rates. The program, which is free to parents, will be marking its 12th year of service to the community for the 2013/2014 school year. *On Your Mark* annually serves close to 300 students of Portuguese-speaking descent and Spanish-speaking descent. The program welcomes close to 200 volunteer tutors and site supervisors a year and operates out of 10 schools, with 68 schools involved from various school boards, including the Toronto District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, and the Dufferin-Peel District School Board.

Students in the program are in grades 1 to 12, are having significant difficulties in one or more subjects and are referred by a teacher. Eligible students work one-on-one with a tutor or in small groups of two with a tutor. Tutors focus the tutoring sessions on the student(s) area(s) of academic difficulty, assist student(s) with their homework, help student(s) develop their basic learning skills and help students establish goals for their education. Tutoring sessions are held after school at one of eight school sites in the Metro Toronto Area and is in partnership with the TDSB & TCDSB. The *On Your Mark* Tutoring Program also offers Saturday morning tutoring at a high school in the community of Dufferin & Bloor.

Please feel free to contact Sonia Neves (Portuguese ext.34) sneves@workingwomenc.org or Mireya Arrechea (Spanish ext.46) marrechea@workingwomenc.org at the Working Women Community Centre (416) 532-2824 if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to visit our website at www.workingwomenc.org

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